

MINUTES

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

FEBRUARY 24, 2006

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on Friday, February 24, 2006.

Present were:

Council

Dr. Arne Almquist
Linda Begley
Karl Benson
Marie Gamble
William Hansen
Kimberly Hartz
Carolyn Ingram
Linda Kompanik
Karen Porter
Etolia White
Janice Wren

KDLA

Richard Belding
Charlene Davis
Judith Gibbons
Lori Harlan
Jim Nelson
Kelly Reed
Christie Robinson

Education Cabinet Representative

Tim Harmon

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Jim Nelson requested that Ms. Linda Kompanik chair today's Council Meeting, pending an official Chair appointment from the Governor's Office. Ms. Linda Kompanik called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

A wording change was made under the Announcements Section and then minutes were approved.

Announcement should have read, "Dr. Arne Almquist announced that in the spring of 2006, Northern Kentucky University will offer a Certification Program for acting library staff. This new program is much like the Certification Program that is now offered for those working in public libraries; however, it will be formulated to fit the academic library requirements."

KLA REPORT

Dr. Christine McIntosh, President of the Kentucky Library Association, was unable to attend today's meeting but she did submit a KLA Report. Dr. McIntosh reported that she attended the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, TX and got to participate in an Advocacy Institute and discussed topics which included: "The Importance of Advocacy and the Message," "Grassroots Coalition Building" and "Lobbying 101: Politicians Are People Too."

Terri Kirk was re-elected as AASL Division Councilor at the ALA Executive Board and ALA is fortunate to have Terri in that leadership position at the national level.

The ALA Annual Conference will be held June 22-28, 2006 in New Orleans and to date it seems that the conference will have strong attendance.

Planning has already begun for the KLA/KSMA Fall Conference, which will be held in Louisville at the Marriott, September 27-30, 2006 and the theme is entitled, ***KLA Celebrates A Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates.***

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jim Nelson discussed with the Council the Library Legislative Day that was held in Frankfort, February 8, 2006, whose goal was to raise awareness and support for Kentucky's Libraries with the Kentucky General Assembly. There were approximately 200-300 library supporters who visited with legislators and distributed yellow hardhats that stated, "Libraries Build Communities." Jim also distributed a copy of the handout that was presented to legislators that reviews the Public Library Facilities Construction Fund (KRS 171.027), the Public Library Improvement and Equalization Fund (KRS 171.201), the Library Science Scholarship Fund (KRS 171.303), and the Mobile and Virtual Access for bookmobiles and KYVL services.

The Kentucky Library Association/Public Legislative Section has also formed a General Assembly Public Library Caucus and to date, everyone that has been asked to participate has agreed. Representative Bob DeWeese has agreed to chair this caucus, which consist of 7 Republicans and 11 Democrats.

Jim Nelson also stressed the importance of getting funding for the Archives Addition in the Capital Construction Fund, since we have reached a crisis point and no longer have any archival storage space in this building. We are requesting an expansion of 16,000 additional square feet of storage at an estimated cost of \$8 million dollars.

Richard Belding reported that over the last several years the Commonwealth has awarded over 699 million dollars for construction of 53 county judicial facilities across the state, all of which are purposely designed with limited records storage space. The intention of the Administrative Office of the Courts is to transfer all court records 25 years or older to KDLA for storage and access purposes. KDLA's state archives capacity has been reached, and we are simply out of archival storage space. We are hopeful that the Archives Addition request will make it into the House version of the Budget as a capital construction project. If not, KDLA will be forced to implement more radical procedures, including a total moratorium on records transfers to the State Archives, including those from the Judicial Branch.

LSTA UPDATE

Christie Robinson explained the timeline for submitting the Annual Report to Washington, which will be due by March 31st. That Annual Report is now being reviewed and we should have it submitted by the end of March 2006.

Christie also discussed the timeline for hiring a consultant to help assist with the 5 Year Evaluation Report (2002-2006) that will be due to Washington by March 31, 2007. Christie asked for volunteers from the Council to assist in reviewing the RFP's that would be submitted for this work. The following Council members agreed to assist in reviewing the applications: Marie Gamble, Bill Hansen, Kimberly Hartz, Etolia White, and Janice Wren. The selection for the consultant will hopefully be made sometime in July, and the consultant could begin work on or around August 1st.

The 5 Year Plan will also be a report that will need to be submitted to Washington by June 30, 2007. This will discuss our project plans for the upcoming years of FFY 2008 – 2013 and we may use part of the 5 Year Evaluation Report as a building block for preparing this report.

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION GRANTS

Charlene Davis discussed with the Council the KDLA Technology Training Schedule that is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" Grant and LSTA funds. This training schedule is a direct response to technology based training needs of library staff across the Commonwealth. This round of training is scheduled to begin in March and run through June 2006.

Charlene also discussed the application that was submitted last week to the Gates Foundation for the PAC HUG grant. Its primary purpose is to replace the original Gates computers that were placed throughout the Commonwealth by a grant which was deployed in 1998/99. Charlene explained that 18 states have applied for this current grant. We have submitted an application for \$955,500 to replace existing equipment in the Commonwealth. However, it is not known what amount may be awarded from the Gates Foundation. Charlene indicated that there is no formal schedule in conjunction with the award of these grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council member Carolyn Ingram will be attending the ALA Regional Advocacy Institute, which will be held in Memphis in April. We look forward to having Carolyn give us a report from her attendance at that Institute.
- Kelly Reed reported that KDLA is gearing up to host our 3rd Annual Public Awareness Institutes, which will begin this fall.
- Judith Gibbons reported that there were over 200 children's librarians and library staff in attendance at this year's Summer Reading Workshops, which were held here in Frankfort last week. Last year there were over 120,000 children enrolled in the summer reading program.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, May 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.